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Electric Stimulates Big Roads

Mr. J. M. Horn, of Edmonton, district freight agent of the C. N. R., called on F. Vickerson, one of the directors of the Lacombe & Blindman Valley Electric Railway, on Friday, and appeared to be much concerned as to the possibility of his company obtaining a share of the freight business of the Electric Railway. After talking the matter over with Mr. Vickerson, Mr. Horn was fully convinced that the only way his company could properly compete for the Electric Railway freight and passenger traffic would be to complete their road into the town of Lacombe, and he will strongly recommend this to his company and expects to see the C. N. R. in Lacombe at the earliest possible date.

The C. P. R. district freight agent has lately had similar interviews with Mr. Vickerson on the same matter.

It would appear that the great railway companies are commencing to sit up and take notice of our Electric Railway, and it would not be a great surprise if the freight and passenger traffic of the Lacombe & Blindman Valley Electric Railway would be competed for by the three great transcontinental lines within a year.

Lord Strathcona is Dead

London, Jan. 21.—Lord Strathcona died at 1:55 this morning. The aged statesman's last moments were very quiet, and he passed away peacefully in his sleep. His lordship's fatal illness was but short, and it was realized from an early hour Saturday morning that he was sinking beyond recovery.

An attack of catarrh, which would have been a comparatively trifling matter for a man in the prime of life, was too severe a strain for one who had passed the four score and ten mark well over three years ago. The malady completely prostrated him, eventually inflicting heart weakness, so that the aged patient sank into a state of coma, the end coming at an early hour this morning.

Lord Strathcona, on several occasions within the last few years, had been confined to his house for an odd day or two, but at such times, despite his heavy burden of years, his friends have always had confidence in his power to resist illness. Unhappily, such a confidence could not be entertained on this last occasion.

Hon. Mrs. Howard, Lord Strathcona's only daughter, and to whom the title descends by royal patent, was present at the end, as were other members of the family. The house at 29 Grosvenor square was besieged by inquiries as to the venerable statesman's condition,

the king and queen being solicited, and with other members of the royal family made repeated inquiries.

When the death notice was finally posted, expressions of sympathy were received by hundreds from all sections of London's diplomatic, philanthropic and social life, and are still pouring in. Even in a mighty metropolis full of striking personalities, Lord Strathcona's figure had been one of the most striking. English journalists for nearly twenty years back had described him as Canada's grand old man, until the phrase became almost tiresome in its repetition.

Until two months ago Lord Strathcona attended the office in Victoria street daily, arriving at 10 o'clock or even earlier, and remaining often till after night-fall. The Canadian office, in fact, had been nicknamed in the vicinity, "the lighthouse," through the windows frequently being illuminated long after the remainder of the street was in darkness.

There is not the least doubt that sheer force of will alone enabled Lord Strathcona to continue his activities, even at such a venerable age.

The death of Lady Strathcona in November last was a great blow to him, but even then the venerable high commissioner's force of will asserted itself, and he insisted on attending the funeral. A week later he attended the Hudson's Bay meeting. This was his last appearance in public and the meeting in December at the Mansion House, under the presidency of the lord mayor, to further the scheme for the Dominion exhibition at the Crystal Palace next year, was without the presence of Canadian high commissioner who had been the first to take an active interest in the project.

Convention of School Trustees

The eighth annual convention of the association of School Trustees for the Province of Alberta will be held in the High School Auditorium, Medicine Hat, Alberta, January 28th and 29th. An extensive program has been prepared.

Every School District is entitled to representation at the Convention; city and town districts may have two delegates; rural districts, one delegate each.

Fees may be paid at the Convention, or sent to the Secretary before the meeting. The fee for rural districts is one dollar; for town districts, two dollars; and for city districts, five dollars.

Delegates who come by rail should buy single tickets, and secure standard certificates. If travelling over two lines, delegates should get a certificate at the starting point on each line. If one hundred delegates present these certificates, return tickets may be secured free.

School Boards are requested to send resolutions to the Secretary before the meeting of the Association.

Items of Interest Locally

For good table butter go to Stanley & Switzer.

Mrs. F. Young of Red Deer, visited friends here this week.

All kinds of poultry supplies at Stanley & Switzer's.

On Saturday last R. McHugh and bride arrived to take up their residence here.

For the choicest candies, made in Lacombe, go to the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

Mrs. Stent, formerly of this place but now of Red Deer, visited Mrs. F. McDonald this week.

Mrs. R. L. Tracy, who has been visiting her parents at (Loyan) Saskatchewan, returned home last week.

We have a few odds and ends of china which we took over with the business, closing it out at cost. City Pharmacy.

Miss Dora Puffer, who is attending the Ladies' College at Red Deer, came up Friday evening to stay over Sunday with her parents here.

On Saturday last two rinks of Lacombe curlers, skipped by W. N. Morrison and J. N. McLeod, played at Innisfail, winning the match and losing one.

Sugar and creamer, plates, cups, salt and pepper, spoon holders and various articles in china at cost to clear.—City Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parker entertained about thirty of their friends at five hundred on Wednesday night, last week. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Lacombe hockey team went to Castor Thursday for the second league game with that town. A good clean game is reported, Lacombe winning on score of 7 to 5.

A. M. McDonald returned Sunday from Ottawa, where he was one of the western delegation of Conservatives in conference with Premier Borden and other head men of the party.

This week has given us a sample of real Alberta winter weather. 51 below makes it seem just like old times. There is snow enough now for sleighing, and everybody seems glad to see seasonable weather at last. The merchant with a heavy stock of winter goods smiles much more genially, and the coal man looks absolutely happy.

Lacombe continues to be the center of one of the best stock raising districts in the west. Last week's shipment of hogs from this station totalled fifteen cars. Cole & Slater shipped eight cars and A. Gilmour shipped seven cars. This, at the prevailing price of 14 cents a lot of money to the farmers of the district and furnishes one item in the explanation of how this district has established the reputation of being the richest agricultural district in Western Canada.

Rav. M. White, who has been seriously ill for some time past, is reported slightly better this week.

The Misses Simpson gave a skating party to about a hundred of their young friends, in the rink on Wednesday night.

A seed fair in connection with the Central Alberta Exhibition Association will be held in the town hall, Lacombe, on Wednesday, February 11. For particulars apply to the secretary, N. E. Carruthers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Campbell entertained about eighty of their friends of the younger set on Friday night, at five hundred, supper and dancing. The young people report having had just as good a time as the married folks had at the same place a week previous.

Some of the smooth cement walks are very dangerous these days with their thin coating of loose snow. Many an unwary pedestrian has got a hard fall on these slippery walks. We noticed one merchant improving the footing on his walk the other day by sprinkling it with water from a sprinkling can. It seemed to work all right.

February 1st the old Gilmour Hall will be opened as the St. Cyprian's Men's Institute. The rooms are now in the hands of a committee, being put into shape for the purpose. A billiard table and other games will enter into the equipment. One room will be fitted up for a writing and reading room. The rooms will be open every evening from 7 to 11.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Stephen's church will give a masquerade ball in the Comet Theatre, on Thursday night, February 5. Prizes will be given for the best original, fancy and comic costumes. The floor will be reserved for dancers in costume till after the prizes are awarded. Everybody come, and some in costume if possible. Tickets \$2 per couple. Single tickets \$1.

On Tuesday night a special train brought the Coronation hockey team and about three hundred supporters to show Lacombe how the game should be played. Lacombe people also turned out in force, making the biggest crowd of the season at the rink. The game was an extremely rough one and not by any means as one-sided as the score, 7 to 3 in Lacombe's favor, would make it appear.

On the coldest morning this week thermometers around town varied greatly. Some were as hot as 2 below, while others were as cold as 51 below, and all the way between. You pay your money and take your choice. If the prickly heat was bothering you and you felt like calling for a palm leaf fan and more ice cream soda, by all means swear by the hottest thermometer; but if, on the other hand, you felt that the weather was reasonably and seasonably cool, then pin your faith to the one that was cool enough to agree with your feelings.

At town council meeting Tuesday night it was decided by a majority vote of those present to alter the police force of the town by retiring Constable Morris who has been on night duty, the same to take effect in thirty days. This action on the council's part has caused much surprise and more or less speculation as to what underlies it, as Constable Morris has been regarded by the citizens as an excellent officer.

Lunatic Dashed to His Death

Edmonton, Jan. 22.—First setting a light to the locked and padded cell at the Mounted Police barracks in which he was confined, being rescued from the flames and spoke in a thrilling manner by Constable Ritchie, the night guard, and then, when the latter's back was turned, rushing back to the burning room and meeting death by suffocation, was the fate yesterday evening of a lunatic named Mackenzie Bateson, who only fifteen minutes before had been removed from the city police station to the mounted barracks.

That it was a case of determined suicide while in a state of irresponsibility is the opinion of those officials who have investigated the case. He had been violent in his actions all day, and it is thought that he tore some of the excelsior padding and canvas from the walls of the cell and set light to the highly inflammable material with a match which must have been secreted on his person.

British Expert Talks on Oil Claims

London, Jan. 23.—Speaking at the Royal Colonial Institute luncheon Wednesday, Cunningham Craig, who for some years has made a study of the oil fields of Western Canada, said:

"If as much as one per cent. of the land taken on prospecting licenses proved profitably productive, Canada would own one of the world's greatest oil fields, but the great oil fields in the Alberta foothills cannot yet be regarded as a certainty, although the prospects appear distinctly good."

The speaker deplored the speculative motion in Calgary where oil leases were practically hawked about the streets.

Oklahoma Bank Held Up by Bandits

Pittsburg, Okla., Jan. 23.—Two bandits lately rode up to the State Bank here, forced the cashier into the vault at pistol point, rifled it of coin, and galloped out of town. Reports say several thousands were secured. A posse with bloodhounds started on the trail of the robbers.

Electric Railway's Progress

The Edmonton Daily Capital publishes the following item in reference to our electric railway: "Good progress is being made on the construction of the Lacombe & Blindman Valley Railway, an electric line which will run from Lacombe westerly, touching beautiful Gull Lake, through the fertile valley of the Blindman river, according to W. R. Scott, of Scott & Yeager, who have the contract for building the line. The capital for this railway is being furnished by the people of Lacombe and district, many of the shareholders being farmers in the vicinity which the railway will serve, and it is the first line to take advantage of the legislation passed at the last session of the provincial house to assist what are known as light railways. Mr. Scott was in the city yesterday buying large supplies for the construction camp, where his firm has over one hundred men at work now. It is expected that the line will be finished as far west as Gull Lake by next June."

Hospital Donations

Mrs. Day 50c, Mrs. Puffer 50c, Mrs. Patstone 50c, Mrs. Teas 50c, Mrs. Shirkey 50c, Mrs. Barnett 50c, Mrs. Ramsay 50c, Mrs. Shaw 50c, Mrs. Collier 50c, Mrs. Halpin 50c, Mrs. Lockby 50c, Mrs. Cole 50c, Mrs. Harrington 50c, Mrs. D. Gourley 50c, Mrs. Lothian 50c, Mrs. Lundy 50c, Mrs. Lockman 50c, Mrs. McKerracher 50c, Mrs. Hutton 50c, Mrs. Thibodeau 50c, Mrs. W. McKenzie 50c, Mrs. McKenzie 50c, Mrs. Henry 50c, Mrs. Stewart 50c, Mrs. Morrison 50c, Mrs. J. Gourley 50c, Mrs. Geo. Kent 50c, Mrs. Fraser 50c, Mrs. Garland 50c, Mrs. Vickers 50c, Mrs. D. Gilmour 50c, Mrs. P. Switzer 50c, Mrs. S. Ward 50c, Mrs. Hannah 50c, Mrs. Boyd 50c, Mrs. Hay 50c, Mrs. Milligan 50c, Mrs. Caruthers 50c, Mrs. G. White 50c, Mrs. U. E. Reeves 50c, Mrs. Miesner 50c, Mrs. L. Puffer 50c, Mrs. Reeves 50c, Mrs. Gibbon 50c, Mrs. Inglis 50c, Mrs. Scragg 50c, Mrs. M. B. McDonald 50c, Mrs. Dugg 50c, Miss Sharp 50c.

Oldest Mason Dies in Ontario

Dunneville, Ont., Jan. 21.—Archibald Couper, known as the oldest brother in Masonry in the world died here last week in his 93rd year. Mr. Couper was initiated in Royal Arch Lodge No. 153, having thus been a member of the Order for 76 years. At the time of his death he was an honorary member of that lodge.

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F. B. SCHOOLT, PROPRIETOR

THIS MONEY WAS EASY

On his return from driving the last spike of the Canadian Northern line from Toronto to the Rocky Mountains, Sir William Mackenzie said he found money easy. There is undoubtedly one place where Sir William finds money easy and that is on the Parliament Hill, Ottawa, where last session he secured a gift of between fifteen and sixteen million dollars from the Borden Government. Mackenzie and Mann not only find money easy, but they find the Conservative Government easy.

It was, however, represented by the Conservative party as an excuse for this huge contribution to the two railway magnates, that unless the Government had hurried to their relief with millions of the taxpayers' money, the C. N. R. would have become involved, and that the Mackenzie and Mann railway project was so irretrievably mixed with Canadian affairs that if it suffered in any way Canada's credit would be injured. Mr. R. B. Bennett, M. P. for Calgary, declared in an address to his constituents at Calgary on November 6th, that he had voted to give these millions to Mackenzie and Mann in order to keep the C. N. R. out of the hands of the receiver.

This is what Sir William Mackenzie, President of the C. N. R. said on January 6th, 1914:

"We spent over \$60,000,000 during the course of last year, and the Canadian Northern is going right ahead. We have not been at all troubled at the finding of funds for carrying on the work hitherto, and I don't expect that we will be."

In face of this definite statement it may well be asked why the Government was determined that this \$16,000,000 must be a straight gift to Mackenzie and Mann when they rejected every demand of the Opposition for some quid pro quo by way of equalization of rates, the bringing of the whole system under the authority of the Railway Commission, or the changing of the aid to a properly secured loan. What was the spell used by these master railway builders to so dominate the Government? What was the Government to get in return?

A CHANGED MAN

In laying down his Halifax platform on August 21st, 1907, Mr. Borden said:

"Shall our advent to power mean no more than a mere party triumph? Are the experiences of the past ten years to be repeated in all their degrading details of broken pledges, opportunist policy, stolen elections, indecent public appointments, and robbing of public assets? Those who know me best know how little I have desired a public career; and if I thought such an outcome possible I would turn with unspeakable aversion from the task before me."

Yet this same Mr. Borden as Premier has neglected every pledge he made in that Halifax platform. He has countenanced the opportunist policy which dictated the secret alliance of the Imperialist Tories and the Quebec Nationalists; he has approved of such stolen elections as Macdonald, Chatsaughey and Hochelaga; he has approved the scramble to dismember every possible Liberal from the Civil Service and fill them with

Conservatives; he approved such "indecent public appointments" as that of Hon. A. B. Morin to the Commission of the Public Enquiry Commission, which was so bad that on the publication of Mr. Morin's record he was compelled to resign. As to "robbing of the public assets" Mr. Borden has defended the Prince Albert land deal which robbed the public domain of \$560,000, the Dorrall military site deal, which took nearly \$100,000 out of the public, the Gimli land sale which gave to a party friend land worth \$15,000 for \$750 and a host of similar transactions. Premier Borden has yet to show any "unspeakable aversion" for the task before him, even with such allies as Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. Dr. Reid and Hon. L. P. Pelletier.

STRATHCONA'S ADVICE

In his annual message to Canada, Lord Strathcona advised caution all round, and said, "Canadians should be more careful than ever of the position of the Dominion in the financial market. Greater regard must be paid to the investor than is always shown to him."

This admonition is timely, coming after the last Canadian loan of \$20,000,000 at a per cent. interest of 97 of which 87 per cent. was left on the hands of the underwriters, and which was described in the British press as the most spectacular failure on the financial market for many years. It was the failure of this loan which led the London Post to criticize Hon. Mr. White's financial methods as calculated to hide from the investors Canada's real financial position.

The result of the Borden Government's neglect of Lord Strathcona's advice is that Canada's rate of interest has gone up from 3 1/2 per cent. to nearly 4 1/2 per cent. Where the last Fielding loan at 3 1/2 per cent. stood 6 points above corresponding Western Australia stock, now Western Australia 4 per cent. recently issued at 87, at a premium of 2, while an exactly similar Canadian loan is at a discount. Canada badly needs the experienced hands of Fielding to take care of her finances before they become wrecked by the incautious experiments of Hon. Mr. White, and the extravagance of his colleagues.

LIVING TO BE STILL DEARER

A further rise in the cost of living is anticipated before spring. Discussing the Christmas markets, the Ottawa Free Press recently said, "In less than a month from now the price of beef is going up. There will be a great shortage of beef resulting from the exportation of hundreds of cars of steers to the United States. The removal of the American tariff has caused this."

This is how Canadians are realizing the effects of the Underwood tariff which Tory orators told them was to give Canada more than she ever could have got from reciprocity. From every side comes evidence that the Underwood tariff is giving cheaper living to the Americans and dearer food to the Canadians. Meanwhile high taxes continue on all food imported into Canada, and will until a Liberal Government gives the people free food.

FARMERS ARE INDIGNANT

Amongst the resolutions considered by the Grain Growers' convention at Brandon, Man., last week was this: "That this convention views with alarm the increasing corruption in elections, both Federal and Provincial, and hereby express their indignation and condemnation of such practices, and demand that the law bearing upon elections be so changed that the parties proved guilty can be adequately punished."

It is evident that these Manitoba farmers had in mind the Macdonald infamies and the Gimli corruption. More than two years after Premier Borden came to office these grain growers have found such a resolution necessary. Mr. Borden made it a main plank of his Halifax platform, to put an immediate end to electoral corruption, and appoint a public prosecutor to punish election wrongdoing. Premier Borden has been perfectly content to profit by any electoral corruption that will win ridings for his party, and instead of appointing a public prosecutor, has countenanced the engaging of counsel to defend the election crooks who worked for his party.



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FARM AND TOWN PROPERTY BOUGHT AND SOLD

Judicial Sale of Farm Property Near Morningside, Alberta.

Pursuant to judgment and final Order for Sale there will be sold by C. F. Dameron, Auctioneer, at the office of Frank Vickerson, at Lacombe, Alberta, on Saturday the 31st day of January, 1914, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, the South East quarter of Section 8, in Township 42, in Range 26, West of the Fourth Meridian, Alberta, subject to the reservations and conditions in the grant from the Crown or in the existing Certificate of Title.

The vendors are informed that this property consists of 160 acres of land of which 145 acres are good arable land, 10 acres of low land and 5 acres of scrub. The property is fenced on two sides with a woven wire fence and tamarack posts and on the South and West sides with a two strand wire fence and tamarack posts. The property is situated within three and a half miles of the Town of Morningside and within one mile of a school. There is a good well on the property. The soil is a black loam averaging approximately twenty inches in depth with clay subsoil. There are 30 acres of land under cultivation on the property this year.

There are the following buildings on the said property: A log house 22 x 22 with shingle roof, a log shed 10 x 14 with board roof and a frame barn 40 x 40 with shingle roof, all in good state of repair.

The property will be sold subject to a Reserve Bid. Terms of payment will be 10 per cent cash on the day of sale and the balance within 60 days thereafter without interest. Other terms and conditions are the standing conditions of the Supreme Court of Alberta as settled by the Master in Chambers. Further particulars may be had from Messrs. Griebach, O'Connor & Company, Solicitors, Edmonton, Alberta.

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Coldest Weather in Europe

Paris, Jan. 19.—What bids fair to be the worst cold snap in fifty years holds south-western Europe in its grip. Temperatures as low as four below have been registered at Yssingeaux and other points in the department of Haute Loire, while conditions are steadily growing worse. There have been heavy snowfalls in the departments of Hérault and Tarn, playing havoc with the railroads. In some places the drifts are eighteen feet deep. At Marseilles, the temperature has touched seventeen degrees. The roads are impassable and many accidents are reported. At Hissignat, a number of people have been stricken down with the cold, and several of them are dying.

Near the Spanish frontier, two Spanish carabineers have been lost in the snow and a rescue party is searching for them.

At Madrid, the dead body of a woman was found buried in the snow in the streets. Two score persons have been injured by falls on the slippery pavement.

All the canals and rivers of Belgium are frozen and hundreds of barges with coal from Germany are ice bound.

The price of fuel is rising rapidly. Three hundred lighters in Antwerp harbor are frozen in. In the Department of Ardennes, the temperature has reached one below, while bears are coming out of the woods. Twenty-two of these dangerous animals have appeared in the streets of Chiny, a small town of Belgium, causing great alarm.

THE CANDLING OF EGGS

As regards quality, an egg is one of the most difficult of food products to grade. Fortunately an egg is semi-transparent when held before the light and permits, if carefully rotated, of even minor defects being seen. Many appliances for commercial and private use have been invented for the detection of bad eggs, and it is now possible for anyone with a little practice to tell at a glance the main points between good and bad eggs.

In order to teach the proper methods of examination, there has been prepared, under the direction of the Live Stock Commissioner, a pamphlet entitled "The Candling of Eggs" by Mr. W. A. Brown, B. S. A., Chief of the Poultry Division. This pamphlet, which is No. 3 of the Live Stock Division, points out clearly that the size of the air cell, the consistency of the albumen, the color and mobility of the yolk, and the general transparency of the whole egg are the factors most generally recognized as determining the quality. It also explains the construction of a

simple home-made device which gives excellent satisfaction in the testing of eggs.

This pamphlet, which can be secured by making application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, concludes with the following paragraph: "Store keepers will find it to their advantage to acquire facility in candling and it is recommended that every housewife should provide herself with a simple candling appliance, by the diligent use of which she may safeguard her family from many unpleasant occurrences at the breakfast table."

SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

The 9th annual report of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association which has just been issued by the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa contains much of interest to the seed grower and crop raiser generally, and should be secured by all such individuals. In addition to a brief review of the methods practised by the Association in the production and handling of registered seed there is given a report of the secretary, showing the progress which is made in connection with the systematic growing of registered seed, while addresses and papers, by prominent authorities are also included.

The question of the proper amount of seed of cereal grains which should be sown to give best results, and which is dealt with in the paper by Prof. Zavitz, is one of special interest to all farmers. Some growers advocate using as little as one bushel of oats per acre while others will argue for the advisability of using as much as six bushels per acre. The investigations by Prof. Zavitz throw considerable light on this much debated question.

LARGER YIELDS PER COW

During these short winter days when many cows are dry, and the cows that are milking are not giving very much, would it not be wise to lay plans for improvement of the dairy herd? Seeing that the average household consumes a fair quantity of milk daily all through the winter, and seeing that the ice cream trade is not by any means dead during the cold months, is it not a pity that there is not more good milk and sweet cream available? Current prices and good demand should prove an inducement to a larger number of producers to go in more strongly for winter dairying.

Some of the variations in yields are very marked; it is a common thing month after month to find groups of cows in four adjacent sections averaging one hundred pounds of milk difference, for in-

stance, from 450 by even stages of 100 up to 750 pounds. Many of these poor cows could easily be giving, under better conditions of feed and care, another three or four pounds of fat each per month; after a year or two at cow testing the herd will probably average, as many already have done, considerably more of increase than that, even as much as forty or forty-five pounds in the year extra per cow. Those farmers who desire increases are invited to write to the dairy commissioner, Ottawa, to ascertain what assistance is given by the department of agriculture in organizing cow testing associations.

FARMERS WANT GOVERNMENT HAIL INSURANCE

Edmonton, January 16.—The Rural Municipalities Act passed as the last session of the legislature, made a provision that at least twenty of the municipalities would have to decide by a majority of its voters in favor of participating in the hail insurance scheme of the province before the government would bring it into effect and it is indicative of the popularity of this measure that already 25 municipalities have voted heavily in favor of it, according to information given out yesterday by Hon. Wilfrid Gariepy, now minister of municipalities. As a result a meeting will be held in the city on January 29 for purposes of organization of a managing board and other business in this connection, the representatives of each municipality being delegates to this meeting.

The Tories are rubbing their hands in ghoulish glee over what they consider a prospect of soon being able to bury enough Liberal senators to enable them to control the upper house of parliament at Ottawa. So anxious are the Tories becoming to see the Liberal senators dead and buried that one would hardly put it past some of them to "assist" an opposition senator to depart before his time.

A Calgary Tory paper wonders why Liberal papers are devoting so much space to Dr. Clark. If it should read his speeches, even casually, it would come to a proper understanding.

Magnet Lodge No. 12 I. O. O. F.

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